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hydrous polymer gel to the nip at a speed sufficiently less than the circumferential speed of  
said cutting roll to avoid congestion.

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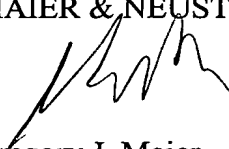
Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

The present amendment adopts the Examiner's suggested amendment to Claim 26 for  
overcoming the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, which is believed to be  
moot.

Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the present application is in a condition  
for allowance and respectfully solicit an early Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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